

Wood-Covered Bridge
Butler, Pendleton County, Kentucky

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Burr
truss

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304 Martin Brown Building
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Name of structure: Wood Covered Bridge

Location: Butler, Pendleton County, Kentucky, over
Licking River.

Owner or
custodian: State Highway Commission.

Address: The Capitol, Frankfort, Kentucky

Date built: 1870
(approx)

Architect
or builder: J. J. Newman and F. B. Erwin,
Middletown, Ohio

Present
condition:

Number of
stories:

Material used
in construction: See descriptive matter below and
drawings.

Description: The following is an extract from the
architectural County Court Order Book in June Term,
and historical June 4, 1870, Pendleton County Kentucky.
Extract from contract:

"John Wheeler, A. Phillips, C. H. Lee, Jackson
Ducker, and C. A. Wandelohr, commissioners, appointed by the
Pendleton County Court to receive proposals and to contract
for the construction of bridge over Main Licking River at
Butler Station--contracted with J. J. Newman and F. B. Erwin,
at Middletown, Ohio. Contract calls for a double Truss Burr
Bridge, with single track 18 feet wide, independent arch;
said bridge to be of three spans of one hundred and fifty-
two feet each, said bridge to be built over Main Licking
River at Butler Station at the site of the old lock in said
river; the lumber and timber to be used in the construction
of said bridge to be of the following kinds:

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"Chords, white pine; braces, pine or poplar; floor braces, oak; flooring, oak; two inches thick and from eight to ten inches wide; batteris, three inches; shingles, No. 1 pine, eighteen inches long.

"Masonry work to be done in good workmanlike manner and be fully completed by the 1st day of January next.

"Consideration of the full and complete performance of the second party, the commissioners agree to pay the sum of Eighteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

"Dated May 31, 1870, and signed:

C. A. Wandelohr,
C. H. Lee,
John Wheeler,
A. Phillips,
W. A. Bran "

This is said to be the longest wood covered bridge in existence.

G. M. Grimes

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